

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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COOK LOGISTICS LLC,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 19-cv-1620-pp

v.

EQUIPMENT EXPRESS, INC.,

Defendant.

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**SCHEDULING ORDER**

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The court has reviewed the joint Rule 26(f) plan, and finds the parties' proposed plan acceptable. The court will adopt the parties' proposed schedule in this order.

The court strongly encourages parties to begin considering settlement early in the case. There are five magistrate judges in the Eastern District—three active and two recalled—all of whom are experienced mediators and who are willing and able to conduct a mediation via videoconference. If the parties decide at any point that they would like to utilize a magistrate judge to facilitate mediation, they may request the appointment of a mediator by either calling chambers—with all parties on the line—or by filing a joint motion or stipulation. The court will refer the case to a magistrate judge as soon as possible after receiving such a request.

Parties who need a protective order shall use the boilerplate order template located in the appendix to the Eastern District's local rules, available

at [www.wied.uscourts.gov/local-rules-and-orders](http://www.wied.uscourts.gov/local-rules-and-orders). If there is some reason the parties cannot use the boilerplate order or must deviate from the order, they must inform the court in their motion for protective order. The court will not sign protective orders that contain provisions that purport to bind the court to place documents under seal. Seventh Circuit law requires the parties to file a separate motion to seal, and to state cause; it is not sufficient for the parties to state as cause that they have agreed that a document should be sealed because of an agreed protective order.

The court encourages parties to visit the court's home page on the Eastern District web site—[www.wied.uscourts.gov/judge/pamela-pepper](http://www.wied.uscourts.gov/judge/pamela-pepper)—for practice tips.

In accordance with the parties' Rule 26(f) plan, the court **ORDERS** the following:

The parties shall exchange their Rule 26(a)(1) disclosures by the end of the day on **February 1, 2021**.

The parties shall complete fact discovery no later than the end of the day on **August 2, 2021**.

The plaintiff shall disclose the identities of expert witnesses along with reports and supporting documentation, no later than the end of the day on **September 3, 2021**.

The defendant shall disclose the identities of expert witnesses, along with reports and supporting documentation, no later than the end of the day on **October 18, 2021**.

Depositions of the parties' experts shall be completed by **December 17, 2021**.

A party wishing to file dispositive motions must do so by the end of the day on **January 31, 2022**. The response and reply deadlines mandated by Civil Local Rule 56 shall apply. The parties shall file a joint status report by January 31, 2022 if they choose not to file a dispositive motion.

The court will not set dates for the final pretrial conference or the trial until dispositive motions have been decided.

The court **ORDERS** that when any party files proposed findings of fact, the party shall e-mail a Word version of those proposed findings to PepperPO@wied.uscourts.gov.

Dated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 11th day of January, 2021.

**BY THE COURT:**



**HON. PAMELA PEPPER**  
**Chief United States District Judge**